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ENGLI SH PHONETICS

Lesson 30
Aspirated vs. Unaspirated

Listen to the words.

pat

tap

Listen and discuss.



Aspirated Sounds

These are produced with a noticeable release of breath or a puff of air. They occur at the beginning of a word or stressed syllable.

Aspirated Sounds

/p/

p^hit
p^hen
app^hly
pap^haya

/k/

c^hat c^hool k^hite acc^hount /t/

then
thoy
athomic
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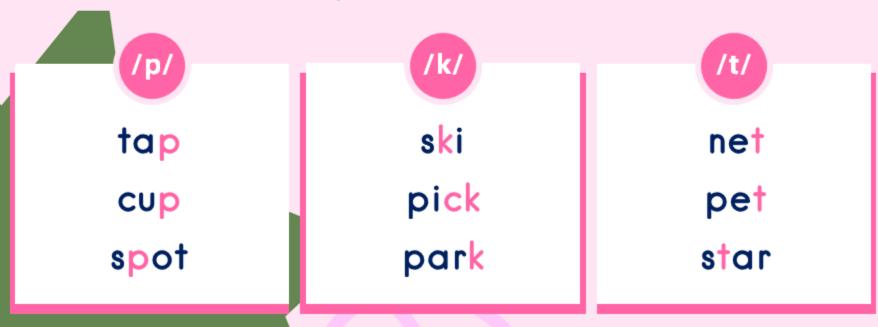
Listen and discuss.



Unaspirated Sounds

These are produced without a noticeable release of breath or a puff of air. They can occur at the beginning, middle, or end of a word or syllable.

The voiceless sounds /p/, /k/, and /t/ are unaspirated when they appear after the letter 's' or at the end of a syllable or word.



Vowels and diphthongs are unaspirated.

ant egg ink owl uncle

rain soil eight house caught

Aspirated Sounds

produced with a noticeable release of breath

voiceless sounds /p/, /k/, and /t/ at the beginning of a word or stressed syllable

Unaspirated Sounds

produced without a noticeable release of breath

/p/, /k/, and /t/ after 's' at the end of a word or syllable

vowels, diphthongs, and all voiced consonants

Listen, repeat, and then read.

p^hat p^hark k^hid khit thell

spat spark skid tick let

Identify if the underlined letters have aspirated or unaspirated sounds.

- A U 1 cute
- A U 2 truck
- A U 3 apply
- A U speech

- A U 5 toy
- A U 6 dog
- 🛕 🕕 🕖 p<u>ai</u>r
- 🔼 🕕 🛭 table

Tell if the sentence is True or False.

- The word nap has an aspirated /p/.
- 2 The word could has an aspirated /k/.
- The word tea has an aspirated /t/.
- The word party has an unaspirated /p/.
- 5 The word sparkle has an unaspirated /p/.

Listen and do the pronunciation tip.



Paper Challenge!

Take a piece of paper and place it in front of your mouth. Say 'pat'. The paper should move when it is aspirated. Now, say the word 'tap'. The paper shouldn't move when it is unaspirated. Try more examples!



TONGUE TWISTER!

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers. A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked. If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers, where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

WELL DONE!

Pronunciation Rule: Aspirated vs. Unaspirated